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Sir:

REQUEST UNDER RULE 221(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.221(b), applicants hereby request a corrected or revised patent publication to correct the following described mistakes in the original publication No. US-2002-0081642-A1 (published June 27, 2002, hereinafter "the published application"), made by the U.S. Patent Office, which should be apparent from the Patent Office records.

The following corrected numbered paragraphs correspond with numbered paragraphs of the published application. Changes/corrections are shown in the attached marked up copy of these paragraphs wherein altered/corrected terms and phrases are clearly indicated in hand-written text. The changes in the text of the tables is material as the legends of the indicated tables refer to highlighted text, which does not appear in the published application.

CORRECTED TEXT



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[0013] Horner, W. E., A. Helbling, J. E. Salvaggio and S. B. Lehrer. (1995), Fungal allergens. *Clinical Microbiological Reviews*, 8 (2) 161-179.

[0106]

TABLE V

ELISA readings for anti-fungal/yeast antibodies binding to antigens from fungal/yeast culture supernatants

Antigen (Fungal/Yeast Culture Supernatants)	ELISA readings (A 495 nm)	
	Controls Negative control sera	Test sera Anti-fungal antisera
Alternaria	0.025 ± 0.020	0.249 ± 0.020
Aspergillus	0.018 ± 0.014	0.321 ± 0.108
Baker's Yeast	0.015 ± 0.010	0.195 ± 0.021
Bipolaris	0.025 ± 0.011	0.152 ± 0.048
Chaetomium	0.021 ± 0.006	0.129 ± 0.015
Cladosporium	0.029 ± 0.012	0.597 ± 0.012
Fusarium	0.060 ± 0.013	0.428 ± 0.106
Neovosseryn	0.040 ± 0.011	0.156 ± 0.060
Paecilomyces	0.030 ± 0.004	0.160 ± 0.014
Penicillium	0.041 ± 0.011	0.557 ± 0.160
Phoma*	0.020 ± 0.006	0.062 ± 0.008
Sorbybotryx	0.021 ± 0.013	0.059 ± 0.010
Ulocladium	0.033 ± 0.020	0.153 ± 0.011

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*ELISA readings for blank wells (no antigen nor sera) were subtracted from control and test wells (which had sera applied). Test antisera, that gave values at least 3 SD greater than the controls, are highlighted.

Another control, giving sera from immunized mice onto protein dextran medium as antigen coating the wells gave readings about twice (data not shown) that of the negative unimmunized sera on fungal/yeast supernatants shown above.

*Due to the initial failure of Phoma to grow at the time of this test, its data was entered at a date later than the others.

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TABLE VII

Affinity of SPECIFIC ANTISERA for different fungal or yeast antigens
Each antiserum tested on the following different antigens

ANTISERA to noted fungi or yeast	Alt	Asp	Bak	Bip	Cts	Fus	Neo	Pec	Pen	Sta	Ulu
ALTERNARIA	100	83	6	118	20	19	16	18	76	3	26
Aspergillus	5	100	19	28	33	42	28	32	55	9	46
Baker's Yeast	8	36	100	119	49	23	17	21	97	11	41
Bipolaris	9	113	1	100	26	11	26	26	67	10	0
Chaetomium	19	381	13	104	100	38	84	58	265	28	5
Fusarium	4	49	2	23	10	100	10	58	180	0	4
Neovossaria	11	342	16	69	58	88	100	78	182	41	32
Pezizomyces	62	262	51	722	63	52	91	100	238	58	52
Pezizidium	8	144	4	31	16	17	58	40	100	16	10
Stachybotrys	48	620	36	377	838	81	212	173	239	100	8
Ulocladium	520	231	0	733	38	22	85	57	181	39	100

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Notes:

Mouse antisera pools raised to noted fungal mycelia (e.g. Alternaria) were tested for affinity for different fungal antigens (fungal culture supernatants). Letters and numbers are highlighted to avoid reading of the above table. Homologous antiserum-antigen combinations are given as arbitrary 100% and these are italicized. For this investigative study, Phoma antigen/antiserum was not available and the antigen of Chaetomium at times gave false positives (especially when it was diluted in carbonate). To reduce clutter of the above table, standard deviations are not noted, these were about 10-30% of the averages (for 2 wells) shown.

[0110] See Table VII for details.

TABLE IX

Anti-afatoxin sera (pooled sera, wk 10 of vaccination schedule) antibody
binding to different fumycescent antigens (AAGG, etc. 10 USA, unspecified)

	Mouse Anti-afatoxin Sera			
	Anti-B1	Anti-B2	Anti-G1	Anti-G2
Control, potato medium	0.012 ± 0.015	0.005 ± 0.007	0.009 ± 0.010	0.005 ± 0.009
Pure Afatoxins				
B1	0.605 ± 0.027			
B2		0.534 ± 0.047		
G1			0.595 ± 0.017	
G2				0.491 ± 0.020
Supernatants				
Alternaria	2.167 ± 0.014	2.076 ± 0	2.356 ± 0.184	2.271 ± 0.223
Aspergillus	1.787 ± 0.019	1.699 ± 0.028	1.783 ± 0.060	1.835 ± 0.091
Baker's Yeast	0.858 ± 0.025	0.873 ± 0.024	0.975 ± 0.092	1.033 ± 0.002
Bipolaris	0.423 ± 0.020	0.427 ± 0.005	0.395 ± 0.018	0.469 ± 0.002
Chaetomium	0.179 ± 0.000	0.249 ± 0	0.276 ± 0.040	0.275 ± 0.011
Chaetoposium	0.521 ± 0.016	0.415 ± 0.005	0.430 ± 0.023	0.465 ± 0.009
Fusarium	0.007 ± 0.008	0 ± 0.004	0 ± 0.007	0.017 ± 0.022
Neovossaria	0.303 ± 0.015	0.224 ± 0.008	0.269 ± 0.011	0.251 ± 0.015
Pezizomyces	0.985 ± 0.045	1.057 ± 0.021	0.965 ± 0.014	0.973 ± 0.007
Pezizidium	1.043 ± 0.013	0.981 ± 0.011	0.949 ± 0.036	0.961 ± 0.027
Phoma	0.231 ± 0.007	0.245 ± 0.005	0.253 ± 0.002	0.213 ± 0.017
Stachybotrys	0.228 ± 0.021	0.219 ± 0.022	0.251 ± 0.004	0.219 ± 0.020
Ulocladium	0.717 ± 0.044	0.495 ± 0.033	0.621 ± 0.039	0.740 ± 0.028


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The attached pages of the originally-filed text indicate, in hand-written form, the basis for the above-indicated changes.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for correction of the publication however no fee is believed required as these errors were the result of Patent Office mistake.

Respectfully submitted,

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